

**FLOW CONTROL APPARATUS
FOR USE IN DISPENSING FLUENT MATERIAL**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A flow control for use with flexible bags to push fluent material from the bags by deformation of the bags comprises first, second, and third platens mounted on a frame for movement relative to each other. The first and second platens are adapted to receive portions a flexible bag therebetween, and the first and third platens are adapted to receive portions of a flexible bag therebetween. The first platen is movable between a first position in which the first and second platens and the first and third platens each define a first space for containing the bag portions and a second position in which the first and second platens and the first and third platens each define a second smaller space for containing the bag portions.